



SHAVINGS, SAWDUST and SPLINTERS

April 1992

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From the president:

Well, before you know it, May 16th will be here, and all the true blue tool collectors will be up in Trinidad having an exceptionally great time, chewing the fat, buying tools and coveting others. So get your bottom planes up or down to Trinidad, whichever it may be and come join us at this cozy meeting, be there or else be ☐.

Many, many thanks to Steve Scruggs and the other officers for making RMTCA 1991 so successful! In the transition of me

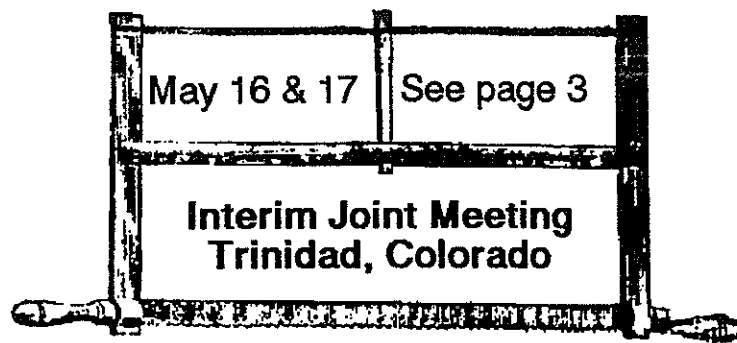
stepping into the picture, everyone has gone the extra mile to help make things go smoothly; thank you all for your support. We should all thank Cliff Fales for his diligence in keeping our club running like a finely tuned engine.

So.... bring boxes full of tools to Trinidad, (marked with low prices) that's low McDougall! Please come to our Interim Joint Meeting May 16 & 17 at Trinidad. You the members of the club are what it's all about!

Drew



Remember where you lay your tools down
when working outside!



RECORD PRICE PAID FOR COMMON NO. 4 SMOOTH PLANE

by Cliff Fales

At the March 8 meeting of the Colorado Area of RMTCA a unique item went up for auction. The item was a Stanley/Bailey No. 4 Smooth Plane halfway imbedded in a Ponderosa pine tree trunk. This is certainly an item not often found in your usual tool auction. The plane must have been set in the crotch of the tree many years ago and forgotten. Would you want to guess how many years it took for the tree to grow enough for the crotch to swallow up half of a No. 4? This "plane in a tree" was found by Dave Ferrand at an antique shop in Montrose, Colorado. Bidding was certainly more spirited than at most of our auctions. Our host for the meeting, Phil Whitby, was the new owner when the bidding finally stopped at \$150. Phil confessed, "That's the certainly the most I ever paid for a No. 4."

From the editor:

One of the gratifying aspects of keeping track of our membership is watching the numbers grow. We must be doing something right. With our membership now at 155, it is higher than it has ever been in April and when the membership book was prepared in February we had about 14 more than February 1991. Thanks to all for your prompt membership renewals; it helps lots.

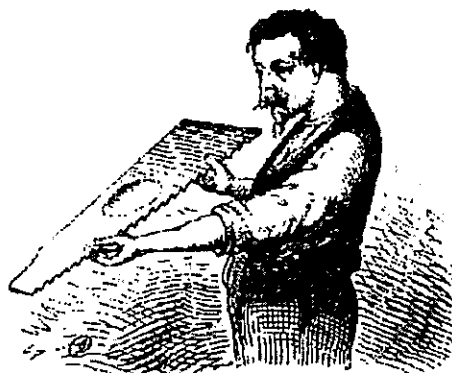
As you might guess, our membership total always drops back somewhat at renewal time around the first of the year, then begins to climb throughout the year. We need the help of all of you reaching potential members whom you know through your contacts at shops, flea markets, etc.; keep those membership applications moving. Let us know if you need more than the two in your membership book.

You should have received your 1992 membership books by now. I only know of one member omitted through error on my part but if there are others let me know. Already we have 15 new members and late renewals which need to be added to your book, so we will have additional pages sometime around May, June, or July.

We did not have any big celebration last year, but we probably should have. Did you know that 1991 marked the tenth year of organization for ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOOL COLLECTORS? That was after about five years of independent operation for both the COLORADO TOOL COLLECTORS and ALBUQUERQUE TOOL COLLECTORS. I'm confident that we have a consensus of opinion that the merging of the clubs has worked well and proven beneficial to all. This is partly a thinly disguised plea for Colorado members, who have not been doing so, to begin making plans to attend the next Annual Meeting in Albuquerque. Also we'd love to see New Mexico members who haven't been making the journey at the Annual Meetings when they are in Denver. Yes, it does take time, expense, etc. (read justification to spouse), but you'll find it satisfying. My personal

testimony is that although I resisted going for several years after the clubs merged, now I'm there every time.

Reminder: we can run classified ads for members, particularly for special "wants" such as parts, in SHAVINGS, SAWDUST and SPLINTERS at no

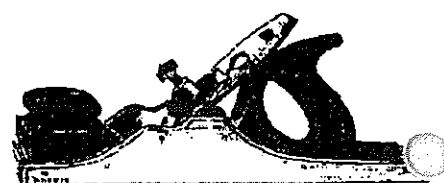


RMTC MEMBERS AT COLUMBINE SCHOOL IN BOULDER

by John Goss

RMTC members Steve Scruggs and John Goss presented a talk to the fourth grade class at Columbine Grade School in Boulder in February. Both were surprised at the knowledge and reasoning of these ten year olds. The biggest hit with the kids was Steve's dowel making machine and the spill plane. Anyone need some 1/2" dowels - reasonable?

Steve and John also had a display at the Meadows Branch of the Boulder Library which was deemed, by the librarian, to be the 'best' and 'most informative' display they ever had. I believe it was also the first.



T663. Anisled Iron Panel Plane

WELCOME, New Members !

Ralph Binford (Deming, NM)
Rod Cole (Phoenix, AZ)
Larry Creedon (Bedford, MT)
Dick Forester (Clyde Park, MT)
Keith Harvie (Albuquerque, NM)
Duane Hermanson (Boulder, CO)
Huff Horton (Albuquerque, NM)
Jerry House (Bubbock, TX)
Scott McCulloch (Denver, CO)
James Michalek (Albuquerque, NM)
Hubert Moutrie (Ellisville, MO)
Daniel Nibbelink (Loveland, CO)
Rick Olson (Eagle, CO)
Mark Riffe (Ft. Collins, CO)
Donald Roth (Englewood, CO)
Chuck Zitum (Billings, MT)

current membership total = 155

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INTERIM JOINT MEETING & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MAY 16 & 17, 1992

HOLIDAY INN, TRINIDAD, CO

I-25, Exit 11

(719) 846-4491

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

1:00 p.m. - Meeting room opens for set-up. Let the trading & selling begin.

3:00 p.m. - Executive Board meeting; open to all members.

5:30 p.m. - Cash bar, social hour, and tall-tale time.

7:00 p.m. - Dinner (informal; reservations not required).

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - Trade & sell session; finish up tall-tales.

12:00 p.m. - Head 'em up & move 'em out.

The Holiday Inn is extending us a flat rate of \$42.00 per room and has blocked 15 rooms for Saturday night. Make your reservations directly with the hotel.

The dinner on Saturday night will cost about \$15 per person and includes 2 entrees, fixins, dessert, and all the coffee & tea you can drink. The price also includes all taxes & gratuities. Payment (cash or check) will be collected by the club before dinner.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND

There will be a separate mailing concerning the Interim Joint Meeting in April to RMTC members in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. If you live outside these states and will be able to attend you may make your plans from this information or let us know that you would like to receive the April mailing.

In memory of John Mayo

(extracted from the GOLDEN TRANSCRIPT - January 7, 1992)

John James Mayo, 67, died Dec. 18 at Lutheran Hospital Hospice after a short illness with cancer.

Mayo, born in Hendley, Neb. lived and spent most of childhood in Beaver City, Neb. where he graduated from high school.

At age 17, Mayo entered the Marine Corps, spending much of his next four years in the Marshall Islands as a radio man. His unit fought as a front line assault group in the battle for the Perry Islands, Enewetok Atoll, making amphibious landings on enemy held territory,

mostly at night, and setting a record of 33 landings in 23 days.

He was an electrician and a past member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical workers. He was also a past member of the Elks Lodge in Idaho Springs. He belonged to the American Legion in Nebraska, the Colorado Tool Collectors (sic), American Association of Retired Persons and the Front Range Antique Power Association.

John had been a member of RMTC since 1979. John's son, Dan, although not currently a member, has been a member in the past and has an interest in tools.

We extend our sympathy to John's wife, Evelyn, and the family.

JANUARY COLORADO AREA MEETING

Golden DAR Pioneer Museum

by John Goss

We sure seem to be doing something right. Over 50 enthusiastic members and guests took advantage of the gracious invitation of Irma Wyhs, director, to meet in the Golden DAR Pioneer Museum. With all the tables of members tools this turned out to be a museum within a museum. Our hosts, Bill Teasley and John Gilmore, tried to feed us to death or at least to great size. Members tried their best to fulfill this challenge, however when I left there was no doubt in my mind that the Teasleys & Gilmores would not go hungry in the near future. Was there an ulterior motive here, to render us unable to protect our loot? Hate to burst Bill's and John's bubble but I have to come clean guys - thanks Polly Teasley for an unforgettable spread! We'll thank Bill and John for sacrificing at least one good tool to pay for it all. Thanks folks!

We again want to thank all that brought tools for display. They are a special part of the meeting! Cliff always reminds me to take notes - however I keep kidding myself that I'll remember, so if your name doesn't appear for having displayed your prizes, I apologize! Thanks to Don Biays, John Gilmore and Don Jordon and those who I overlooked.

Cliff Fales brought in about 30 estate tools for auction and since this went so quickly, by RMTC standards, we had a members tool auction and auctioned off about another 15 tools in two or three hours.

In case you were unable to attend this meeting and have never attended the museum in Golden, I highly recommend the experience when in Golden. Irma has very nicely displayed a wide variety of items from 'back yonder'. One can also purchase a variety of books and other material pertaining to Golden and Colorado history at the Golden DAR Pioneer Museum. Thanks all for your much appreciated efforts!

DECEMBER NEW MEXICO AREA MEETING

by Bill McDougall who was there
and made very careful notes

Except for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, our Dec. 7th meeting at the home of Dan and Evelyn Woodford was a very happy event.

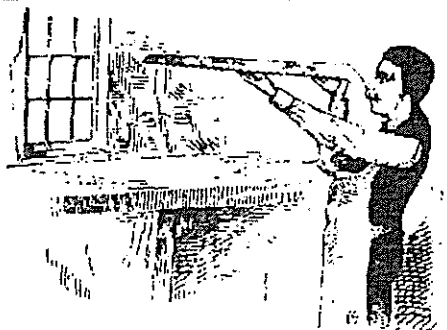
We met in Dan's basement which is no root cellar; it's large and full of old tools. In fact, since his wife's recent hip surgery has precluded her climbing stairs for a while, Dan has practically doubled the size of his collection.

With 21 members present, this was our best attended meeting so far and represented 58.33% (the .33 is Drew Goodmann) of the total New Mexico membership.

As usual our WHATSIT? session was very ably conducted by our own in-house Whatsit? Dave Fessler. Unfortunately, only the handsaw and hammer were correctly identified; the sharp, iron wedge-like thing with the short handle is still up for grabs.

After a brief buying and trading frenzy during which no one bought anything from McDougall, Elmo Rinehart gave a very interesting talk on Charlie Daniels of Mountainair, New Mexico and his invention the "power wrench."

Besides being an inventor, Charlie Daniels was a blacksmith, a machinist, a preacher and a poet -- all in all, a friendly curmudgeon. Charlie went to that big workshop in the sky about five years ago, but he will not soon be forgotten by his many friends and neighbors.



MARCH COLORADO AREA MEETING

Host: Phil Whitby
by John Goss

The annual 'Whitby Bash' was just that - a smashing success! Approximately 60 members, plus or minus only a few, invaded Phil's hospitality with tools to trade and show and attempt to deplete the buffet set out by - a good guess would be Layla, Phil's friend. However I'm sure the endless beer supply was Phil's doing!

The diversity of tools on the many tables would have made a museum envious - I consider myself a museum, well at least envious.

Many members brought recently acquired tools to display and let us 'drool' over, but not on. We all want to thank the following for making the effort to bring their 'prizes': John Gilmore, Ben Cooper, Cliff Fales, King Herrington, John Goss and Al Oyler, who gets the prize for 'tonnage'! Thanks guys. If I missed your display I'm truly sorry!

Phil Whitby gave us some great tips on buying by absentee auction and through catalog sales. He had taken the

time to gather past sale notices and catalogs to show the differences in descriptions of items and how this effects what you think you are getting and what you actually end up with! Unfortunately, the weather cut this talk short and I personally hope we can con Phil into repeating this at another meeting. Thanks Phil!

The meeting ended with an auction of 30 estate tools and followed by a members tool auction, conducted by Dave 'Rapid' Miller. As in the past 20 years, this procedure progressed in the usual timely fashion and had to be called off due to darkness, Weather and the fact that Phil didn't have beds enough to house those that were having trouble speaking and finding their wallets. Just joking, I think. (See story on page 1 about the auction item of great interest, ed.)

Hope all made it home safely! (Ask Steve and Susan about their trip home, ed.) Thanks for a great time Phil, Layla and Bob!!



March Colorado Area meeting at Phil Whitby's; forty eight members and visitors were present.

R.M.T.C. MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

by Steve Scruggs

Fifty-two members returned the questionnaires that were included in the December 1991 issue. The results have been tallied, sorted, tabulated, registered, recorded, scrutinized, puzzled over, discussed, and published.

Anyone wishing to peruse the complete results can do so by sending a long SASE to Steve Scruggs at 342 Sherman St., Longmont, CO 80501. For the rest of you, we've included the highlights here.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- ✕ 75% of the respondents attend the annual meetings occasionally or often.
- ✕ 24% feel that uniformed security is needed 24 hours a day during the show; 18% while open to the public & after hours; 12% don't think it's needed at all; 27% have no opinion. (Since security is the biggest slice of our cost for the show this is an area that will have to be looked at closely.)
- ✕ 67% don't have a favorite schedule for the meeting, which probably means they are willing to leave the scheduling up to the planning committee.
- ✕ The vast majority (87%) prefer to keep the Annual Meeting on Labor Day weekend.
- ✕ 61% prefer to keep dues at \$10 and keep meeting registration fees about the same as they have been.
- ✕ About 98% want to keep the show open to the public for at least part of the show, but we're fairly evenly split on whether to charge the general public an entrance fee or not.
- ✕ Most of us (58%) think our programs & demos are at about the right level, but quite a few (40%) would like to see more of them.
- ✕ A little over half the members (57%) think their spouses would

be more likely to attend if there were more programs/demos intended for them. (If we get more spouses interested in attending, maybe more of our members would attend.)

LOCAL MEETINGS

- ✕ 78% of the respondents attend the local meetings occasionally or often. Most of these would like to see an increase in the number of mini-auctions or programs, or a decrease in the length of the business meetings.
- ✕ As you might expect, most of us look to the meetings for information & knowledge, friends, and tools (in that order of preference).
- ✕ While a good portion of us don't care where the meetings are held (34%), most of us do prefer to continue having them at a member's home (60%).

Thanks to all who returned their questionnaires. They answered a lot of questions that our officers have concerning the best ways to improve the club, and it's hoped that we can implement any needed changes in the near future. (The work on preparation and tabulation of the questionnaire is one more thing for which we owe Steve lots of thanks, ed.)

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NEWSLETTER FOR PLUMB BOB COLLECTORS

THE PLUMB LINE

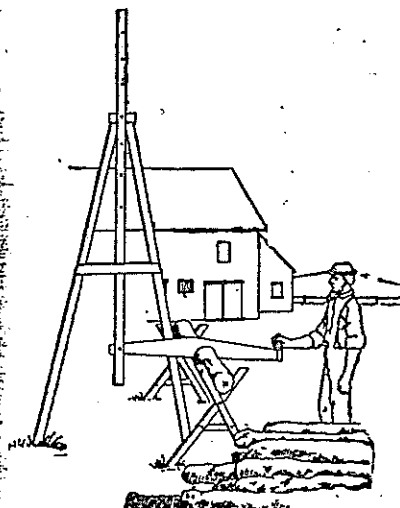
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The Plumb Line
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Scribner's (1923)

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A Hard Times Hired Man



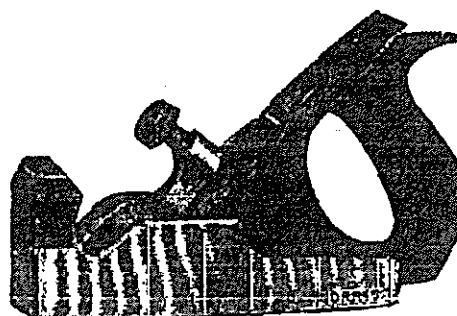
A Sawing Machine

This is the name given a device depicted and described not long ago by a Pennsylvania farmer in *The Rural New Yorker*. He says: "The hard times compelled me to cut wood alone. The machine is easily understood

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Three poles or rods make a frame for the saw to swing on. Another rod fastened to a bolt at the top of the frame plays inside two pieces of board. The saw is made fast to the lower end of this rod, and then it will swing back and forth as shown in the cut. You can have a horse for the wood or drive stakes into the ground with the top crossed, so as to hold the logs.

I can cut up 5 cords in 10 hours with this machine. Of course it takes some little time to learn how to run the saw just right. In this machine the stakes are 9 feet long for the sides and 10 feet for the other. The pendulum on which the saw is fastened is 8 feet long and has holes bored in it so that it can be easily raised or lowered. I use the "horse" or stakes for sawing poles from 2 to 6 inches in diameter. For sawing large logs I use a rolling platform like that on buzz saws."



BOOK REVIEW

PRICE GUIDE "VICTORIAN HOUSEWARE" HARDWARE AND KITCHENWARE

by RONALD S. BARLOW

International Book # 0-933846-03-7

The selection of 327 pages chosen by Mr. Barlow from various 1881-1905 antique catalogues including the 1884 Sargent and Company of New York and the 1893 Marshall Fields of Chicago will keep you interested and excited for hours.

There are some 2,000 quality, very detailed, engravings in this 9x12" paper bound book that are copyright-free. Illustrations are from the most elegant andirons to modest hog tongs; from sterling silver serving pieces to rat traps; from woodstoves to the fanciest hardware.

Many delightful articles delving into just what is the Victorian era, how to conduct yourself in a store and the etiquette of the table are interlaced with the illustrations. One article states that

these 19th century labor saving devices didn't actually free the housewife from her chores, they simply meant that she was expected to do more work in less time!

"VICTORIAN HOUSEWARE" will help you date and give you an approximate value of your illustrated treasure; however, in many cases it will not give you the name of the manufacturer.

To order write: Windmill Publishing Company, 2147 Windmill View Road, El Cajon, CA 92020. Send \$19.95 plus \$2.00 postage.

Reviewed by Grace Goss, February, 1992



SOUTHWEST TOOL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Make plans now to attend the joint meeting of Early American Industries and the Southwest Tool Collectors to be held in San Antonio, Texas on May 7th, 8th and 9th, 1992.

The meeting will be at the historic St. Anthony's Hotel at 300 East Travis St., P.O. Box 2411, San Antonio TX 78298, (512) 227-4392

The Hotel has given us a special rate of \$79.00 per night, single or double occupancy.

Phone in your reservation early as San Antonio is a very popular convention city.

For additional information, see your EAIA "Shavings" or contact Bill McDougall.

FEBRUARY NEW MEXICO AREA MEETING

by Bill McDougall

Our February 8th meeting was once again at the historic old home of Joe and Martha Liebert. Their home, built in the 1800s has, over the years withstood fires, floods and tornadoes, all of which have done several thousands of dollars worth of improvements to the town of Bernalillo.

Seriously though, we enjoyed seeing Joe's collection of wood chisels including the many chisels he has acquired since our meeting there in January 1990. This meeting was attended by 16 members and 1 guest.

Once again the mystery raffle prize was won by Chad Palmer. This guy is really lucky! However, next time, in order to give the rest of us a better chance, Chad has offered to exchange his ticket with anyone prior to the drawing.

John Hathaway gave a very interesting and informative talk on folding rules and brought some of his rare ones to show us. With a collection of well over 350 rules, it looks like John is serious about collecting.

In our discussion, much consternation was expressed about this country's balance of trade deficit, and it was resolved that we would no longer buy any more antique tools imported from Japan, especially their "blass browned lozewood revels and double crow hammers". In fact it was further resolved that we each write our congressmen and urge them to flood the Japanese tool market with American-made Whatsits? We'll show them productivity!

Be sure to plan on attending our next meeting April 11 at Dave and Connie Fessler's house which is not too far from a good neighborhood (McDougall lives just 2 miles away).

If everything works out OK, our mystery raffle prize will be Meg Tilly.

Scribner's (1923)

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LUMBERING IN THE SOUTH.

A Logging Scene.

Grind each axe and file the saw;
Bring out log chains and sled;
Off to the woods, before a thaw,
Sam and George, old Tom and Ned.

Cut down the pine and fell the oak,
Saw their trunks in ten-foot cuts,
Rest the teams, they steam and smoke,
Dragging the load o'er frozen runs

At the mill, huge piles of logs
Are rolled up high and long;
The wheels, the belts and cogs,
Begin their merry song

East Meets West At

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Stanley Planes: 1, 2 Pre-Lat, 3 Pre-Lat, 1243, 4 Pre-Lat, 4 Square, H-104, 1104, 6 Pre-Lat, 6, 7, 607-C, 8, 608-C, 9 3/4, 10 1/2, 11, 20, 21 Pre-Lat, 23, 25, 35 Pre-Lat, 40, 40 1/2, 42, 43, 45 1st, 45 H&R, 62, 65 Early, 65, 78-W, 90, 95, 101, 120 Star Cap, 143, 181, 182, 205, 289, 444
Stanley Planes in Original Boxes: H-1204, 4 1/2, 5, 5C, 9 1/4, 40, 46, 60 1/2, 75, 71, 71 1/2, 78, 79, 93, 102, 110, 190, 191, 192, 386 Jointer gauge
Other Stanley Tools in Original Boxes: 208 level glasses, 49 gauge, 59 jig, 30 angle divider, 34-V level, 82 scraper, 282 scraper, 138 sights, 435 soldering iron, #2 bronze trammels, 4 trammels, 28 corner tool, 116 miter box, 27 rules, 61 rules, 66 1/2 rules, 68 rules
Other Tools in Original Boxes: RARE Gladwins patent combination plane, Kunz #2, Millers Falls planes, Yankee, Goodell-Pratt, Sargent, etc.
Other Stanley Tools: A complete #903 tool box, 1 odd jobs, 23-S declivity level, 77 dowell rod machine, 225 double bevel, several vises, 216-2" drill, everlasting chisels, 63-X spoke shave, 65 chamfer shave, 81 razor edge shave, 71 bronze shave, 60 marking gauge, 73 boxwood gauge, 93 butt gauge, weatherstrip bead saw, 2 plumb bob, 20 rosewood level, R-100b takedown square, 15 miter square and many other fine Stanley tools
Patented Planes By: Sandusky Semi-steel, Sargent 707 etc., Union, Gage, Chaplins, Taber, Miller Falls, Edwin Hahn, Franklin, Segley Steers, etc.
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Scientific Instruments: K&E Y level, saccharometer, 18th century brass inclinometer and ruler
Blacksmith Tools: Forge, lever beam drill, anvil, tongs, hammers, hardies, etc.
Tin/Coppersmith Tools: Early wooden post round steaks, bench shears, machines
Coopers Tools: massive D.R. Barton Head Float, Croz, Howell, Jigger
Timber Framing Tools: slicks, chisels, boring machines, froes
Foot Powered Machines: circular saws, jig saws, mortising machines including a Rich's Patent, window sash cutter
Plumb Bobs: Millwrights, mercury filled, hand forged, reel type, etc.
Advertising Items: Collins axe floor display stand, Starrett felt counter pad, giant advertising wrench, Stanley counter display case, catalogs, original journals, etc.
Rules: Stanley including 92 1/2 ivory, O-36, 29, 58, 4 square, 13 1/2, 94, 83-C, 57, etc. Also rules by Interlox, Chesterman, Lufkin, EA Stearns, Chapin, H. Davidson maker N.Y., other boxwood and ivory rules
Wrenches: Brass, Winchester, Coes 4", implament, quick adj., buggy, etc.
Other Tools to Include: Rare Disston #3 sawhorse, patented boring devices, Howards patent drill, Witters patent bevel, Gunsmith barreil rifeling tools, shipwrights tools, stone masons tool set, slaters tools, wheelwrights tools, coblers tools (some very early), molders tools, machinists tools, early hand forged flooring clamp, miter box, rule attachments, Starrett #16 double protractor, unusual hammers, collection of early washer cutters, tool boxes, calipers, A.D. Bauer disc type trimmer, Hobie Miller inclinometer square, C.E. Peterson level

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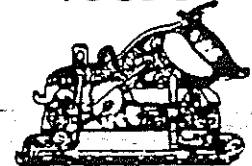
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